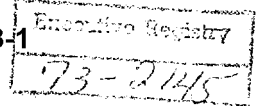


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April 27, 1973

Honorable James R. Schlesinger  
Director,  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Jim:

As I am sure you know, the USSR is now offering to provide commercial uranium enrichment services to countries outside the Soviet bloc. In fact, they have already begun negotiations to provide enriching services for nuclear reactors in France and the Federal Republic of Germany. We understand discussions have also taken place with other countries.

With the entrance of the Soviets into the world commercial enriching market, it would be useful to be able to discuss their uranium enrichment capacity on an unclassified basis. I know that personally I would like to have been able to use such a number in unclassified discussions that I have had.

I would like to suggest that you have your people look into this matter to see if there is an unclassified number that could be used for the USSR uranium enrichment capacity. Along this same line it would be useful to be able to use an unclassified number for the Peoples Republic of China's uranium enrichment capacity also. This is not so important however, since they are not involved in providing commercial services.

Anything you can do on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Clarence*  
C. E. Larson  
Commissioner

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